Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With regard to the lapsing of the amount, (d) 'part of the amount is likely to lapse', may I know how much will lapse and how much will be spent for that?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—When the land acquisition is complete, there will be no lapse. If it is not completed, the amount might lapse.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With regard to (e), the estimate as well as the plans are ready. With reference to the answer just now given, may I know if the land acquisition proceedings could be completed before the end of this year so that the amount may not lapse?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We have only two or three more. I do not think it is reasonable to expect that land acquisition proceedings will be completed this year.

Agricultural loans.

135. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the number of agricultural loans granted, if any, of over Rs. 1,000 each after the Diwan Peishkar's statement in the Council that he has fixed the maxium at Rs. 1,000 each;

(2) the names of grantees of such loans, if any were granted;

(3) what was the reason for granting amounts over the maximum fixed;

(4) was the change of policy notified for the information of those who were refused loans at the outset on the score of the maximun being fixed at Rs. 1,000?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(1) and (2). No loan exceeding Rs. 1,000 in each case was granted in 1104. Regarding loans of this year, a list of the applications granted etc., is placed on the Council table.

(3) A section of the public as well as some of the Members of the Legislative Council expressed their desire that the maximum should be raised.

(4) During preliminary public enquiries at several stations in the beginning of the year held by the Diwan Peishkar clear intimation was given to the applicants as well as others who were present that the maximum of loans has been raised.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—With reference to the answer to sub-division (3), is it a fact that the Diwan Peishkar recommended the fixing the maximum of Rs. 1,000 by changing the rules and that suggestion was negatived by the higher authorities?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—At first I recommended the

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maximum of Rs. 1,000, and it was sanctioned. Then next year by the beginning of 1105 I recommended that it may be raised to Rs. 2,500. And my recommendation was not over-ruled.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—No, no, I am sorry that I did not make myself clear. A section of the public as well as the Members of the Legislative Council expressed their desire that the maximum may be raised. That is assigned as the reason for raising the maximum. Is it not a fact that the recommendation to fix it at Rs. 1,000 was negatived by the higher authorities?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—No.

President.—One word of caution. As to what the recommendation of the subordinate officers to the Diwan was and how they were disposed of should not be disclosed.

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APPENDIX I.

(Vide answer to question No. 122.)

Number of acting hands in service.

Name of Department.	*No. of acting hands.*
Land Revenue	17
Judicial	7
Co-operative	3
Anchal	44
Excise	5
Education	235
Medical	12
Tramway	3
Registration	33
Huzur Secretariat	3
Stamp and Stationary	4
Police	59
Accounts	15
Forest	30
Public Works Department	41
Agriculture and Panchayats	37